It's Good to be British To-day

"Let us, therefore, do our duty and so bear ourselves that, if the British Commonwealth and Empire lasts a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'"—Winston Churchill

Britons are not given to showing the national trumpet and glorying in the achievement of our race. Rather are we prone to be little what men of our breed have accomplished in the past, and to take as a matter of course what is now being done day by day. This attitude has been aided, if not altogether induced by a congenital reference to the subduing school of historians who, like the pursuivant in Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress, are too busy raking over the mulch to see the crown of glory the angels hold above their heads. At a lower level 11 draws near, it is more incumbent than ever upon each and everyone of us to remember not only the fall but the cause for which they fell, and the gallantry with which they maintained it. On this Day of Remembrance there are so many things worthy of being remembered that we may be forgiven a glow of pardonable pride in remembering them.

Such a pride is something very dear to the heart of the British people. It is the vanglorious of the Powers of Darkness we are now fighting. It is as the poles apart from such baubles as the gods use to decorate their temples without the Light. It is a pride that should make every Britisher, whether he be in the home land, the Dominions, or the British colonies, square his shoulders and thank Almighty God for the privilege of living at this hour of our nation’s greatness. It is a pride of results, coupled with the remembrance of the race’s glorious history, which is sustaining thousands of civilians of all ages, and practically of every cast and creed, throughout the merciless air raids of an enemy who knows not chivalry, nor ever the rudiments of common decency. One cannot pick up a paper these days, nor listen to a new broadcast, without reading or hearing of acts of chivalry that are beyond belief, and more than doubled by the deeds of blood and bodily murder. They have witnessed the damage to their own historic buildings and works of art which the enemy has done to the nation’s treasure-houses. Throughout this prolonged ordeal by battle, they have maintained the stern resolve to see through all things and the indomitable will to victory. Their endurance will be ranked by historians with the valor of the men who swept the Seven Seas of Britain’s ocean in the past, and those who held Britain’s battle-lines in a thousand fights from Crete to Dunkirk. To that tale of fortitude must be added the story of the men who had their homes down to the sea in ships, the men of the Royal Navy and of the Merchant Service, and the civilians, including even children of tender years, who have been the victims of German inhumanity at sea. To that tale we must also add the record of the chivalrous valor of the men of the Royal Air Force who have proved night after night that the attack is the best defensive. Heaven should be hard to human if we were not proud of being of the same stock as these people, if we were without sympathy with their sufferings, and if we were without the determination to see that their sacrifices were not in vain. As said old Dryden in the refrain of his immortal verses, "We will remember, we will repay.

A distinguished Indian theosophist, who visited Perth at the beginning of the month, declared that Britain today was fighting the battle of all decent people. The same thought has been expressed in other words in the United States and in every other country where decency is something more than a matter of local politics. In Western Europe England saved herself by her own efforts and Europe by her example. In Winston Churchill’s case, the task and the battle are alike greater, but so is the honour and so will be the rewards. To-day, it is not England or perhaps one should say Britain alone that is waging war in resistance to the forces of evil; it is the British Commonwealth of Nations, the federation of free democracies, and the men and women of the island race who have been the crusaders of freedom throughout the past few years. For example of British citizens is the exploits of British sailors, soldiers and airmen, who, in the beacon light that will guide the world back to sanity and peace. It has inspired those of us from without to be so fortunate as it will be to neutral in the determination to maintain their cherished democratic institutions, and to be able to say to-day "I am British," who has seen the tides of kinship in blood and sentiment between the two great branches of the English-speaking race, cannot fail to believe that the British Americans: it has been the subtle alchemy by which our people have been fused in the fiery crucible of war into something more generous than ever, into a true Commonwealth people and maintained by those who can chivalrously as their watchword "England for you, people, one flag and one destiny." "I am a Roman citizen," was one of the proudest boasts of ancient Rome’s times, but its significance is altogether legal. To be able to say to-day "I am British," has a far wider significance, and it can be said only by members of a race, an empire of the purposes of humanity, common and international decency, and enduring courage in opposition to the entangled legions of all that is vile and oppressive.

Britain has certainly saved herself by her own effort. Hitler’s chief argument for invading England has been blown to fragments by the guns of the Royal Navy and the battleships of the Royal Air Force. The dictator of the hour is looking, as Napoleon had to look, for another avenue of attack. Though repulsed, and though it faces inevitable defeat, Hitler and his accomplice Mussolini are far from being beaten. The success of the defence of Britain must not be allowed to lull the Empire into a false sense of security. What has happened in the past two months was merely the second round of a fight that must go the full distance before we can force a decision. In the interests of future peace, and of those peoples now groaning under the spurred heel of German savagery, we must force them to the very end, and force it by offensive action. We thought we had ended the menace of German militarism. It was not the fault of the men who overthrew the Kaiser’s legions that their sons and younger brothers have had to leave homes and do the job over again. It will be the fault of the lot of us if we fail to remember that the only guarantee of peace is an assured defence against aggression. It was by forgetting the lessons of 1914-18, and by our failure to appreciate that Hitlerism is only the beginning in a more cabbard career, that we allowed the second Great War to happen. There must be no further outbreak of mid-European chauvinism, in, say, another 25 years’ time. When our final victory is assured, we must see to it that the overthrow of the interlopers is complete. In short, we must remember that there is a vast difference between just peace and an overweening one. Even in common justice it is such a thing as a Second Offenders’ Act; and, when we reach the final pacification with an enemy who has grown rapacious with appearance and ruthless with immunity, “We will remember, we will repay.”
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**RURAL PROBLEMS**

**MR. WISH ADDRESSES SOLDIER SETTLERS**

A feature of the Land Settlement section of the Annual State Congress, which opened at Anzac House on Tuesday, October 18, was the official visit and address of the Minister for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. F. J. War). The Minister, who was given a cordial welcome said that it was difficult to know to what extent contracts could be signed in Australia, because of the uncertainties of war economy. Some rural industries, particularly those whose all was in a direction which commanded no demand, were already in a serious plight. For example, the apple and onion industry was badly dislocated. Farmers in many districts were clamouring for Government assistance, for the release of this or that commodity in order that stock would be kept alive. He had had conversation with the managers of those industries who had a major interest in stock in this State, but an instance he had the farmer approached the persons who had a financial interest in his stock to see whether they would provide for the stock. The farmers rushed to the Government.

During the past few days, he had been endeavouring to arrange for some practical help. Further, whatever might be the Government's shortcomings, however faulty its decisions might be, those decisions were realised when the Government was in possession of all the facts, and with due regard to the relationship between one section of the community and another, and for the economy of the State. The only answer he could see at present was that money should be available from some source to alleviate the financial position, without adding to the individual's debt. They had fixed the position in that direction. If information from what were known as emergency areas faced six years ago, many people would be better off in health and spirit to-day, and it would have been better for the taxpayer. It was still not too late to face that position, and the sooner one was faced in Australia the better. A plan for the future must be decided, even if it cost another £500,000 to contrast further, in order to ensure some prospect of success for those who remained.

There was a great responsibility now on whom it was in authority. Mr. Wish continued, for peace and to endeavour to anticipate the future, then, that every source of money must be considered to find some salvation for many people. There were numbers of sources. If possible, the hazardous 85 aspects of rural industries might be simplified, and there was a bright prospect of success. The responsibility of the Government was laid on them, and it must try to be in a position to say that this industry should be the foun of their hopes, and not be discouraged. Unless the country was prepared to face that, there would never be a future.

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**THE G.O.C AT CONGRESS**

While the defence items on the agenda for this year's Annual State Congress were being discussed, Mr. T. W. White, (representing the G.O.C. Mr. J. M. A. Durkin), who was present by invitation, announced several important decisions.

Responding to the State President's welcome, Mr. White said that one of the most important help had been rendered to him, particularly in the past year, by returned soldiers. Their value to the community was incalculable, and could not be assessed. Nobody could impart the lessons of the past to the young recruits better than returned soldiers. He had tried to secure a continuity of the most important jobs for returned soldiers. He noticed on the agenda paper certain statements relating to recruiting. Actually recruiting in this State had been so successful that it was estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 recruits could be obtained by the A.I.F. above requirements being now available.

Delegates applauded this announcement, but the G.O.C. pointed out that the difficulty was not to get recruits but to find places for them. It was important not to put the right man in the right place, he added. Returned soldiers who were being supplied with instructors were doing excellent work which he had watched with pleasure. He wished to make a public acknowledgement of the work of the W. F. Wing. holes returned to soldiers.

Major General Durkin then referred to a motion sponsored by Kalgoorlie, asking that men from the Eastern Goldfields, who sought service with the A.I.F. and R.A.A.F. had been retested medically at Kalgoorlie instead of in the Northern Territory. The General explained that the first medical examination was the principal one, whereas a second was a highly technical examination by specialists, which could be done only at the national centre. The number of men rejected at the second medical examination was very small.

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**ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS THE OPENING CEREMONY**

The Land Section of the 24th Annual State Congress was held at Anzac House on Tuesday, October 18, at 10 a.m. The session was formally opened by the State President (Mr. Yeates), and was presided over by the chairman of the Land Committee of the State Executive (Mr. H. B. Hunt). The Land Section which disposed of items on the agenda paper affecting soldier settlement was represented by the Minister for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. F. J. War).

Before the opening of the General Congress, delegates gathered at Government House for the wreath laying ceremony. The wreath was formally laid before the State President, who read the victory address. The only visitors at the opening ceremony in Anzac House were members of the Federal Organization of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers of the State War Memorial (Mr. W. H. Melvin). The State President's address was broadcast on the Western 6WN. Mr. Yeates expressed his faith in the victory of the Empire in its present struggle, and said that the League had tried to do all in its power to assist, firstly, by its efforts to gain the morale and determination of the people, then by assisting recruiting, by helping to build up all patriotic funds, by offering its own services to all branches of the fighting services, and by forwarding the Army Volunteer Defence Corps. This organization now numbers 4,200, while it is estimated that 3,000 ex-service men had enlisted in the Garrison Battalions, 400 in the A.I.F. and 700 in the Militia. Many were doing administrative and other valuable work. If Australia was to complete the full value of her munitions and defence forces must become still more efficient and influential.

What can we, individually, and as a League, do to hasten the time of victory? Mr. Yeates asked. "We must remember the reason for the formation of the League as a League, exists—commemoration and service. Commemoration is the reason we are here. The war has been the reason of the past in the year. Give our services, our money, our influence, our time and energy nationally and particularly for the war, or shall we stand back and let religious or political or other differences. Held fast to those things we know and fear the worse. Give your hearts, your time and your money. Try to prepare for the future of those, who, we trust, will be soon with us."

Mr. Yeates stated that membership of the League in this State had increased during the year by 188. Our organisation was given to the League by Mr. W. J. Hunt, to an arrangement by which Mr. W. J. Hunt became the Secretary and Mr. W. J. Hunt and other members were elected. He went on to explain that the position of membership, he added, as many old units were going, and the League was one of the three bodies in the A.I.F., the Militia and the Garrison Battalions, and because of this there might be a tendency to neglect membership. The League's executive employment had been successful at most positions having been found with the military authorities. Mr. Yeates said that the League's general account for the year showed a profit of £190. Anzac House
showed a profit of £432, and the debt on the building stood at £47,472.

Mr. Curtin Speaks

The Leader of the Federal Opposition (Mr. J. Curtin) responded on behalf of the victors to the warm welcome which had been accorded them. He stressed the importance of national unity in the war and offered the League the thanks of Parliament for what it had done and which, in the years ahead, it must continue to do. With respect to what should be done for the men who fought for the nation, Mr. Curtin continued, it was important to have an organisation with a continuing existence, so that the organisation should be able to Rally and reasonably administer, and that the men by the members of the organisation should have the advantage of regular consultation with those who were responsible for the conduct of the Government. The Government, Mr. Curtin went on, could not do the wisest thing in the best way, without having frequent and, indeed, regular consultations with officers of the League. Although he had not had direct ministerial responsibility for what had been done in the past year, he had a very great responsibility and had endeavoured to exert the greatest possible influence. In the matter of that in the most helpful way, he had many consultations with Federal and Western Australian presidents and officers of "this splendid and important organisation." Mr. Curtin's speech was warmly applauded.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Visit

Congress was visited at noon by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, who was thanked by the State President for having travelled from the country to be present. In response, Sir James Mitchell expressed his pleasure at being once more among returned soldiers. He remarked on the fact that returned soldiers usually turned out when they visited their towns. The diligence of returned men in defence work was commendable, he added, as was the knowledge that soon the whole world would be at war. Many ex-service men seemed to have suddenly become ten years younger on the outbreak of war. (Laughter.) His Excellency warned his audience of the need for providing for the war effort. You can do your part in financing Australia's war effort. You can fight the enemy with Savings Certificates. Those desiring to assist should write to Mr. R. W. Lloyd, the State Organiser at the Commonwealth Bank, Perth.

THE CIVIC RECEPTION

A regular and enjoyable feature of the Annual State Congress is the Civic Reception tendered by the Perth City Council to the delegates. This year's function was not the least enjoyable of those occasions. The hosts were the Lord Mayor (Dr. T. W. Meagher), the Lady Mayoress and the Perth City Council.

The Lord Mayor extended congratulations to Mr. Yeates on his re-election as State President. The traditions which ex-service men had made in the last war, Dr. Meagher said, reflected the traditions set up by fellow Australians in the Boer War. On returning from hostilities they had converted their ideals into their civilian communities. On the outbreak of the new war, they had again risen to their country's aid. The League had cooperated with every patriotic endeavour with which he had been associated, and he was deeply thankful. That was going on in every district of the State. When the Lord Mayor stated that, in his capacity as a medical practitioner, he had examined many youths for service and found that they were just as good as the old Diggers had been, he was well applauded. The examples of W. H. D. Beadle and H. S. Raphael, M.L.A., and the Minister for Mines and Health (Mr. A. H. Pantos, representing the State Government), supported the Lord Mayor's remarks.

In reply, Mr. Yeates spoke of the education which the returned soldiers had derived from their service in the last war and which they had brought back to their communities. While they deployed the new war, they derived satisfaction from the last fact, since the collapse of France, Germany had not advanced one inch. Messrs A. Craig (Bunbury) and J. C. Coons (Geraldton) also spoke.

WAR LOANS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Australia is in this war to the finish. Already our men and navy have distinguished themselves. They have written glorious chapters in our history, and latest news from overseas suggests that our land forces are likely to be heavily involved at any moment. These boys must be backed to the limit. Our efforts for the home front must be commensurate with their efforts. The Government is shackles in the slightest. Australia's expenditure on the news of war continues to expand—Australia will spend £394,777 a minute this financial year on defence works. What a colossal undertaking for this young nation!

The flow of money to support those in the lines of battle must not be interrupted. Every penny invested in War Savings Certificates brings victory nearer and helps to save British lives. Purchase of Certificates and War Stamps enables people of moderate means to assist Australia's war effort. More than thirteen and a half million pounds have been found in this way, but continuity of the effort, magnificent as it has proved, is of paramount importance. Those who are enrolled in the 16,000 groups formed during the last four months in the Commonwealth cannot afford to have their efforts checked for one moment until the enemy is vanquished.

Every War Savings Certificate bought in Australia is a nail in Hitler's coffin. The war cannot be brought to an end until the monster is laid low. Nor must the War Savings Certificate be withdrawn until millions of freedom-loving men, now crushed by the Nazi machines, are able to rise again and live their own lives as they did before "that wicked man" set his war machine in action.

The strengthening of our effort is indispensable, and would merely be playing Hitler's game. The words used by the Federal Treasurer (Mr. P. C. Spender) early in the campaign are just as true, and just as true today, 

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By September 25, the classification of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps had reached 114 units with a personnel of 4,464. The personnel is made up of the following: Navy, 92; light horse, 354; artillery, 343; heavy artillery, 109; infantry, 2,444; engineers, 149; signallers, 91; army service corps, 132; machine gunners, 164; trench mortar battery, 19; army medical corps, 137; others, 193.

It was estimated that, in addition, 1,200 ex-service men were serving in the Garrison Battalions, 770 in camps and the Militia, and 500 in the A.I.F. There was also a large but unknown number of ex-service men engaged in A.R.P. work.

The Police Department has been advised by the military authorities that the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps is an integral part of the defence forces. All members are now allowed to be in possession of and carry rifles of a military pattern.

Two thousand Wentles-Richards .210 rifles have been requisitioned for training purposes. The Ordinance Department has undertaken to deliver these rifles to units as directed by Corps headquarters. In connection with training the League has been notified by Corps headquarters that, following the distribution some weeks ago of a pamphlet, summarising infantry training up to company formation, and drill with and without arms, a second pamphlet relating to battalion formation is now ready to go to press. As with the first pamphlet, it will be supported by four lectures, which will be sent out in circular form. There will be a third pamphlet, with a diagram, embracing all the automatic arms of the infantry, namely the Vickers, Lewis and Bren guns, the anti-tank rifle and gun, trench mortar and the Mills grenade.

A refresher course for selected members of corps in the western suburbs of Perth has now occupied five of its six weeks' duration at the 5th Garrison Brigade Headquarters at Swanbourne. When this course has been completed, a further one will be arranged.

Each Sunday morning, for many weeks past, large parties of volunteers from units all over the metropolitan area have been attending lectures on machine-guns at the Western Command school at South Guildford, by courtesy of the commandant of the school, Major Skinner. Unfortunately, so many have been attending that it has been found necessary to delay admittance to further arrivals. The commandant of the school, however, has promised that opportunity to attend a new course will be given, when it is established at a later date.

The commander of the Corps (Brigadier-General A. J. Beazely-Brown) has expressed his hearty appreciation of the valuable service being rendered to the Corps by the instructors. The Corps commander is now carrying out Sunday morning inspections of metropolitan units.

The memorial to Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs will be unveiled on November 11 (Anzac Day and King's Birthday) which has been gazetted a public holiday. The Corps Commander proposes to call a general parade of the Volunteer Defence Corps, and to arrange for a march past before the Governor at the conclusion of the unveiling ceremony. The services of the 10th Garrison Battalion band have been offered and accepted for the occasion.

Advice has been received from the general secretary of the League that General Sir Harry Chauvel has, with the approval of the Minister for the Army, accepted the appointment of Inspector-in-Chief of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps. His first official act in this new appointment will be attending a combined parade in Adelaide on October 19.

R.S.L. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

SOLDIER SETTLERS’ CONFERENCE

The Soldier Settlers’ Conference, which was the Land Section of the Annual State Congress of 1940, was opened in Anzac House on Tuesday, October 1, at 11 a.m. and concluded at 4.30 p.m. on the same day. About 22 sub-branches sent delegates to this conference, who were representative of all sections of primary production. The chair was occupied by the chairman of the State Executive's Land Committee (Mr. W. J. Hunt), and the conference was opened by the State President (Mr. A. Yeates). As reported elsewhere in this issue, the conference was addressed by the Minister for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. F. J. Wise). The Minister's remarks were informative and were listened to with great interest. Mr. Wise was suitably thanked by the Hon. J. Cornell, M.E.C.

The following items were endorsed and referred to the general Congress for confirmation:

General

Moved Mr. J. E. Watson (Press), seconded Mr. P. Jones (Bassendean).

Congress recommends that the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act be extended to men who have enlisted for active service in the present war.

Moved Mr. A. Gibbs (Northcliffe), seconded Mr. A. J. Sweeney (Walgodale).

That Northcliffe and other suitable districts in the south and south-west districts be inspected and considered with a view to future cropping of flax.

Moved Mr. D. P. Robinson (Gotha), seconded Mr. J. Cornell (Lake King).

That all men who served in the Great War (1914-18), and who have resided in Australia ten years or more, be granted the privilege of 50 per cent. reduction in land rents.

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The grand final of the A.R.M.S. competition was decided in Anzac House on October 2. It was a Homeric contest between West Leederville and Gloucester Park. The former had eliminated Mr. Rawhorn by eight to two, and Gloucester Park had won the shield last year. Gloucester Park succeeded in retaining the shield, beating West Leederville-Wembley by 6 to 4. In a former meeting in the grand final, a two-sub-branches, one game of duals decided the issue in Gloucester Park's favour. On this occasion it was one game of matches. Even then the result may have been revered if Hughie Peters' dart had stayed in the seven, instead of falling out. This would have given West Leederville another game of duels and, incidentally, a win. West Leederville's rifle team came up to scratch and won, but the bridge team was unequal and lost. We understand that this was only the second time this season that Gloucester Park's bridge players have been victorious. Gloucester Park's quarts team was just a bit too good for West Leederville. There were some rallies in the table tennis in which Bill Kerren beat Albert Wilson, 2 games to one. The third game on this set was really a battle of wits between two expert players. This game finished in West Leederville's favour, 23 to 17. Husband followed with a 2 to 1 victory over Jack Fuller, and again the third game was an exciting contest. Neville Young had a good battle with Vic. Angel, winning three games by the expeditiousness of a lot of energy. Ernie Tomkinson, who had been playing bridge, beat Vic. Fowler two games, and both players decided not to play the third game.

Stann Watts, who plays No. 1 in the table tennis and also plays in the quarts team for West Leederville, was unfortunately unable to play for his team in the Eastern States. He was lunching for a most enjoyable year of competition.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1940-41

The following office bearers were elected at this year’s annual State Congress:

Mr. W. J. Hunt, O.B.E., was re- 

elected unopposed for his eighth successive term. 

Committee: Colonels A. C. Glazebrook, Mr. P. F. J. Arbora (both unopposed) 

Country Vice-President: Mr. W. N. Good (Norfolk Island, Mr. E. Howard Rice (Wyalkatchem), General G. H. Philip, A. H. Panton and J. S. Denton. 


The question of packing super in con- 

tainers other than jute bags be placed on the agenda paper for consideration by the C.S.I.R., with special consideration for paper bags.

Notices of Motion:

Moved Colonel E. H. J. Nicholson (Moora),

That the present rate of interest on Agricultural Land Mortgages are higher than the industry can bear.

Moved Mr. Watson (Kooroorin),

That Congress strongly urges that every en- 

deavour be put forward to maintain the stock population of the State.

Country Advisers:

The conference nominated Messrs. J. Brown (east), E. H. Richens (wood), and D. D. John- 

stone (disaying), as country advisers to the Local Com- 

mittee.

Thanks:

On the motion of Mr. W. J. Thomas (Green- 

bush), the conference moved with the hearty vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. W. J. Hunt), who suitably replied.

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Moved Mr. R. F. Armstrong (Kalgoorlie), seconded Mr. J. C. Green (Geraldton), that a future immigration scheme to Australia be subject to the defence requirements of Australia.

Moved Mr. D. D. Johnstone (Boyunup), seconded Mr. T. Crank (Waroona), that a check be kept on alienation of the Act to prevent leasing or ownership of land by unnaturalized aliens.

Anzac Day

Moved Mr. H. May (Collie), seconded Mr. W. L. Thomas (Greenbushes), that The Anzac Committee's Report which read: "That Anzac Day 1941, be observed as in past years," be adopted

Moved Mr. E. F. Wotton (Perth), seconded Mr. E. Zeffert (Beverley), Congress regrets the decisions of the Ministers for the Army and the Air forbidding parades of the A.L.F. and R.A.A.F. last Anzac Day, and urges reconsideration of this instruction in the future.

Moved Colonel J. S. Denton (Koorda), seconded Mr. O. J. Williams (Mt. Lawley), that all men working in the Defence Department be offered membership of the League to be granted a holiday with pay. Special workers are hereby recommended.

Preference

Moved Mr. A. Conolly (Gosnold Park), seconded Mr. R. A. McLean (Garfield), that a regulation be made to retain officers and soldiers be given in employment in munition works, or any works controlled by the Army.

Patrician Funds

Moved Mr. M. E. Zeffert (Perth), seconded Mr. W. L. Monkens (North Perth), Congress commends the appeal of the West Australian War Patrician Fund and requests the necessary dependents of men of the fighting forces.

Moved Mr. W. A. Schlute (Wellington), seconded Colonel C. T. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), Congress is of the opinion that proportion of all monies raised in the State be put to particular purposes should be donated to the Soldiers' Dependents' Appeal Fund.

Moved Mr. B. D. Johnstone (Yarloop), seconded Mr. T. Corrigan (Waroona), that a tax for the duration of the war be made upon every person proportionate to their means, to allow grants to be made to a body as appointed, which would have the power to make contribution peculiar to the claims of the time, of military patriotic bodies such as Red Cross, Red Shield, Soldiers' Dyspeptics, etc., which now have to resort to appeals.

Youth and Education

Congress formally adopted a resolution in the name of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch, that proposition be made in all State schools, particularly in those on the Eastern Goldfields, for the establishment of cooking tans for drinking water for school children, and that copies of the motion be sent to all members of the State Parliament representing these Goldfields.

Sons of Soldiers

Moved Mr. P. Batson (Perth), seconded Mr. R. A. Nicholas (Peninsula), That a Certificate of Service be made available for officers of sub-branches of the S.L.A.

National Health

Moved Mr. E. Batson (Perth), seconded Mr. G. Tuman (Perth), That the sons of soldiers and soldiers now serving abroad be immediately eligible for membership of the S.L.A.

Moved Mr. C. S. Southcott (Sabolic), seconded Mr. A. Boyd (Morley), That the Commonwealth Government be asked to provide free medical attention and hospital treatment for the dependents of all troops serving overseas and in Garrison Battalions.

General

Moved Mr. J. E. Watten (Perth), seconded Mr. C. J. Williams (Mt. Lawley), Congress urges that the Government consider how best to promote the National Health of the nation. There are no other business subjects, and this be clearly defined when advertising.

Moved Mr. R. A. Nicholas (Perth), seconded Mr. C. Clingham (Gosnold Park), that there should be a most rigid supervision of food supply for the fighting forces so as to avoid waste and hoarding.

Moved Mr. Corrie (Perth), seconded Mr. H. F. Waterhouse (Wanneroo), That Congress is opposed to the Federal government not, under any circumstances, allowing any foodstuffs or other necessities to be exported from Australia to enemy occupied countries.

Moved Mr. D. D. Johnstone (Yarloop), seconded Mr. T. C. Gardiner (Longley), Congress considers that no person should hold more than one paid position in a branch of the League.

Moved Mr. D. D. Johnstone (Yarloop), seconded by Mr. W. Griffiths (Freemantle), Congress requests that all Government employes, Members, and Public officials, etc., should take an oath of allegiance.

Moved Mr. F. Graves (Wakalup), seconded Mr. W. Griffiths (Freemantle), That Congress is of the opinion that the provisions of the Commonwealth Bank Act, which are in force or soon to be, are all detrimental.

Moved Mr. J. M. Y. Davey (Coolagul), seconded Mr. H. G. Wilson (Freemantle), That men who have been members of the League for a fair period, ten years, and are now on "burnt out" pension, be charged capitation fee only.

Correspondence

Correspondence was read from the Director of Education (Mr. Moray Little), advising delegates that the League Day would be celebrated in the State Schools on Friday, November 8, at 2.30 p.m. The Director also submitted details of a programme to be carried out by the schools, through the medium of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Condonement

Condonement Delegates stood in silence in memory of the Rev. A. W. Bray following his death.

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Sometime in August 1919, certain officers on the reserve list received notifications from the M.D. Military Headquarters (now known as Western Command), of their appointments to various positions in the 10th and 10th Guards Battalions, to be raised upon general mobilisation being announced. These appointments increased permissible anticipation in the minds of many who had given up hope of obtaining khaki again, completion of service or age having been the sole reasons for transfer from the active list to the reserve list. Upon the declaration of war on August 1, 1914, the Commanding Officers (designate) and Headquarters had numerous enquiries to answer from all these officers who saw themselves quickly putting up the old uniform patches again. Blowing up the expectations of dismay when the old uniforms were found to be far too small for the girth, so that fish hooks and moth had no respect for the King's uniform! Not only did officers already allotted to the two prospective battalions show their eagerness to get on with the job, but many who had neglected to get their names on the reserve remembered this necessity and produced their credentials for some of the many jobs which they knew they were capable of carrying out.

It was on September 27, that the O.C. (designate) of the 10th Gurkha Battalion (Lieut-Col. W. B. Robson, D.C.M.) received a telephone call to Swan Barracks, which he answered with alacrity, to be introduced to proceed with the formation of his battalion immediately. It was decided that the 5th Gurkha Battalion would not be called up for the time being, and that officers allotted to both battalions might be available for selection.

The “sailing up” not being compulsory, many of the reserve officers’ respective positions decided to carry on with their civilian occupations for the time being. Other employers were happy to feel that they could “do their bit” by releasing employees who were required by the army, and practically all employers promised those employees that their jobs would be available “as per the war.”

Monday, September 2, 1919, was the day upon which the battalion came into being. The headquarters were immediately established by Col. Robson, who appeared “bottled and spurred” before the medical officer, Dr. E. W. Stewen, and then for the first time heard all about “blood pressure” and other “danger” signs of 40 and more were heard here.

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Training was hard and progressive, and the night changes of the issued exceeds much imagination. Although no recognition was or has been made of “Diggers” or “Tommies,” it is interesting to note that the trophies of returned soldiers offering for service again was two “Diggers” and one “Tommie.” All have fired into their own with the greatest of compassion, and except for the accounts of ex-members of famous posts in local newspapers, as soon as the Anzac Hat was donned, none could tell which from which. This comradeship has continued and grown strongly as time went on. All got old soldiers eager and anxious to do a job again and prove that age has not wanted them. Life for them during the past year has been happy and contented and all look...
The 10th Garrison Battalion

The 1st battalion has been celebrated, the famous day being October 2. The officers and sergeants' messes had special mess nights for the occasion, all ex-members of both messes being guests. Lt-Col. W. B. Robinson, D.G.M. E.D., has now also the E.D. decoration. This honour was conferred upon him in February last. The strength of the battalion has been considerably increased. The new "Rookies" are a fine type. They hail from the Goldfields and various country centres of the State. Since their arrival there have been many happy Kirk reunions and meetings of old soldiers at the baths, and units of the old A.I.F. days.

The new C.O. (Major H. A. Koring) has proved beyond doubt that the C.O. can be popped. Promotion has continued in the whole battalion. H.Q. Company have had their share of promotions in the past few weeks, the first run to graduate from the ranks commissioned rank being the popular R.C.M.S. Jack DENTON and Staff Sergeant H. C. Parker. They now answer to "Sir" and sworn soldiers like veterans. Lieut. Denton holds the dignity of "C" branch and Lieut. Par- ker (when not orderly officer) is O.C. Transport, Supply and Equipment.

C.Q.M.S. R. V. McCracken, M.M. replaces Jack Walker, M.C. He still retains his promise for going anywhere in his typical generous manner. "For Bill Bowler has gone over to Brie· gage H.Q. as Cpl. Rigger. His path with him the"

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best. A warm welcome was extended to Lance. W. G. Horneid who transferred from, the Army Staff. Mr. Horneid very quickly settled in and hit the ground very well with the new staff. Cpt. Jack Salmon training the "routines." The battalion has lost a good man in Leop. S. S. Davis (S.S. representing Stanley Seabrook) not "Steam Ship," as some of the lads think.) Stan has gone over to the 19th Battalion as Adjutant and C.M. He has been a power of strength in his many and varied capacities in the battalion and to a man the lads say au revoir and good luck. (Mr. Davis' appointment as Adjutant to the 19th gives the 46th Battalion rather a recollected as the Adjutants of the three battalions in the brigades are all ex-R.G. officers. Capt. S. N. McKenna is Adjutant to Lead. L. (Adjutant, M.G., Adjutant 16th Battalion.)

When new units are formed and efficient staffs are required naturally the 10th Garrison are looked to for the supply of necessary material. This was ad
d to with the recently formed Naval Base Training Depot. Sgt. Fred Greer is C.O.M.S., Cpl. Craig and L/Cpl. Pierce Spore, and Pte Charlie Hutton is Brigade Corporal. They take with them the best wishes of the regiment. Reg (Bell) has worked wonders with the camp garden, the floral Swan in front of the regiment's office is now laid "an egg" a few days ago. But before the morning last week Reggie replied to the orderly officer that some dirty lowally b— had turned off the tap connecting his garden spray. He had intended to have the said syringe functioning throughout the night. Within a week several well-known R.O. members of the battalion applied for special two day leave passes. These, of course, were granted. The orderly room staff (and others) grinned when they noticed that in all cases the applications for the leave were written on paper generically sup
plied by the Young Men's Christian Association.

A few days ago the Sergeants' Mess entertained at lunch a party of about 20 N.C.O.'s of the 6.E., who were passing through. They were on duty away from the Motherland. Inclined to a recent V.C. They were a particularly fine lot of champs.

"A" Company News

The company is now commanded by Major W. K. Harbourn, M.C., who has been transferred from "C" Company and under his guidance things are going along with a swing. A certain amount, and despite the arduous duties, the boys were never better.

The company have been vaccinated and inoculat
ed again and as one old chap put it, "We are like a pepper can." C.S.M. J. Tudor never had one sleepless night and never lost one ounce in weight. If he threw work on, he must be thoroughly worked out. Judging by the state a certain recently-sent-for Gref has been transferred to "A" Company—C.O.M.S. According to "A" Company's gain, even if his slogan is "I can't get it on by Junior," he is "up to Roy Hunter, M.M., on his promotion to Company Commander. Officer can expect a raising trade for the celebration, provided pay comes in quickly. Hughie Wilson has been transferred to Northam as C.O.M.S.

"Bluey" Rayner is the hardest worked man in the army. You ask him. He can't even get a few hours' leave. During a tour of duty a certain grub issuer was taking a short cut along a certain path west across when a "lady" called out, "Hallo Lover."

Major Harbourn has quite a judicial appearance lately, possibly, the many "Goons" have something to do with it. Least Lathan esteems that he does not require any note "Posters" to him, as he is now overworked.

"B" Company News

"B" Company have just returned from their tour of duty on Rottnest. The Island is looking at its best now and the boys benefited by the change.

The new O.C., thinks "B" Company every bit as good as "A" Company, if not better. The Com
pany has lost two good N.C.O.'s in Cpl. Craig and Cpl. Johnson. Cpl. Greg has been promoted to Sergeant, and is at the L.T. Depot at Naval Base. Cpl. Johnson is at Midland with the Ordnance. While on the Island, "B" Company thought they could play soccer as well as they could 20 years ago, but taking on the lads of the Artillery, found out their mistake to the tune of 6-1. That extra 6 of pace beat them. They still think they could do better another time. The men of the Company are very keen on sport and games of football, cricket and tennis were on the go whenever the opportunity came along. Fishing is another sport very much favoured by the lads of "B" Com
pany. When they have the chance of getting at their ability, in a competition open to all units on the Island, they managed to win a prize, even though it was the one for the smallest fish. But you ought to have seen the fish that got away. Several novel and successful bridge events were held and the month abroad passed very quickly and pleasantly.

Hilde Merchant of the London "Daily Express" has been meeting the A.I.F. in England. Among those he met "an old man from the goldfields, an old man from the remote mining towns, bouncy riders from cattle stations, and a young Digger who is as black as the sun's own eclipse." He asked them why they came to fight for Britain from such a deep pace into such an energetic war. "Well," re
plied the young Diggers, "She's small, she's precious, and she's worth fighting for." Another declared, "Someone's getting at this old country." Those's getting at us." One Digger put a new one on the inquiry approach. "When asks what his job was in civil life he answered, "Am, not, I was a drunk labourer"!" It turned out that he was a labourman from Darwin.
Mr. R. H. Maxwell, much better known in the League as Captain Dick Maxwell, is leaving Perth at the end of this month to take up permanent residence in Victoria. Dick has been a member of sub-economic branch practically since it was a Boy Scout patrol and that sub-branch will greatly miss his keen debating powers, his flashes of oratory and his innumerable stories of humor.

A.M.C. officer in the last war, he has raised and trained the Sub-Branch at Subiaco since the end of hostilities within the subiaco Defence Corps Unit. Our good wishes will go with him and we may say, every member of the Sub-Branch has been greatly benefited by the association of a young man of Dick's calibre.

Mr. Hawthon, one of the Victoria sub-branch's earliest Past members, has been having a run of trouble lately. After an operation, he went to Geraldton to recuperate sufficiently to undergo a second operation. His many friends with him a speedy recovery, and hope to see him back here again.

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It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. Kanter, whose good wife is a member of the Victoria Past Women's auxiliary. Victoria Past has lost a good friend, whose kindly smile and cheery manner will be greatly missed at local functions. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Kanter and her family in their bereavement.

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Brigadier-General H. F. Martin, whom the year before had

and was subsequently a member in Victoria. Com-

ning in Australia in 1925, on November 28, he

joined the Harvey sub-branch in 1931. He was

secretary of the Harvey sub-branch for four and

half years, and held the League's Certificate of

Honour. During his tenure of office at Harvey the

local R.S.L. hall was built, and other important

innovations were made. Dave has been represen-

native of the No. 1 District Committee from 1937

onward. He was president of the No. 1 District

Committee from March 1938 onward and has

served continuously as a member of the State

Executive Land Committee since October, 1938.

As he says himself, he was born an argumentative

deal and is very ready to put up a verbal fight, but

his criticisms are always constructive.

The newly-appointed president of the Aus-

tralian Flying Corps Association (W.A. Section) is

Jim Peterson. He is a member of the Melville

RSL sub-branch and was formerly a member of

the Press sub-branch. He is secretary of the

R.A.A.F. Comfort Fund. During the Great War

he was an observer with the Royal Naval Air

Service (later part of the R.A.F.), specializing in

anti-submarine work. In private life Jim is a

promoting director of a printing and publishing

company. He is a member of the Melville Road

Society and Hon. Chief Commissioner of the Boy's

Scouts Association. He is associated with several

other activities.

After the grand final of the A.R.M.S. compe-

tition at Sydney in 1938, M. P. Collins was

crowned with a candelabrum and stand by the

competitor. Roy Chadwick made the presentation

with a fitting speech and Mrs. Carter replied in such

an able manner that Phil has decided to let her do all

the speech-making for the family in the future.

The four new members of the incoming State

Executive are Bill Welsh, Rod Newell, D. J. Williams,

and W. L. Menken. President of the North Perth

branch of the R.S.L., Mr. Welsh, has been an

active worker in the local sub-branch. He is a

member of the Royal Australian Artillery. During

his service he was closely associated with Brigadier-

General Bertie Lloyd, who was in this State recently

as Director-General of Recruitment, R.A.A.F., and

the Industrial Registrar of the Arbitration Court.

He held 3 commissions in the 44th, during the

Stoch. For a long season of years he was first

president or secretary of the North Perth sub-

branch. D. J. Williams was a member of the

outgoing executive for a few months, but had to

resign through ill health. Fortunately he is now

well enough for active duty once more. He is

president of the Mt. Lawley sub-branch, and dur-

ing his presidency, Mr. Lewty has established

the extraordinary record of increasing membership

by 524. W. L. Menken, president of the North

Perth sub-branch, served the Australian Volunteer

unit during the war. He has had a long associa-

tion with local affairs, both with the North Perth

sub-branch and the R.S.L. Cricket Association.

He was very active in the committee in starting

the sub-branch organ, "The Green Envel-

opes." His name activity at present is organizing

North Perth's Pleasant Sunday Afternoons in aid of

the Soldiers' Dependents' Fund.

THE NEW COUNTRY VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr. E. Howard Rice, for many years hon. sec.

of Workmen's sub-branch, and prior to that, of

the Mount Marshall sub-branch, is one of this

year's Country vice-presidents appointed by the

Annual Congress of the League. He is

known to his comedians, served with the 1st during

the war, and rejoined the League on return.

He belongs to the banking profession and has

been one of the keenest supporters of the: Com-

mittee and Soldiers' Relief Fund to which his sub-branch

has contributed generously. His support and loy-

alty to the League has always been an encour-

agement to Head Office Staff.

Mr. E. Crossman, another Country vice-

president appointed by the Congress, has been a

member since 1935, without interruption and a

member in the Boulder sub-branch over a long

period. Ernest Crossman has a typical Westralian

personality, and is a popular figure on the Gold-

fields. He served with the A.I.F. Engineers in the

Great War. He is an electrical engineer by profession.

Norman Dodd, appointed Country vice-president

for the whole of the State has been a dynamic

member of the League at Collie where he

has been president of the local sub-branch.

During a long period of his presidency Collie

was the top or second in that sub-branch.

He served with one of the gold mines. Norman

served with the famous 16th during the war and

has been president of Nornalum sub-branch since

the outbreak of war. His strong leadership and

co-operation during the runnings of this year's Collec Cup must go to Norm-

nor.

Jim Giblett, Country vice-president for the South-

West, is an official of the Tall Timbers, otherwise

known as the State Forestry Employees. He became

the kahuna feathers in Palestine in the last war.

Jim has had a change of direction for this year in

particular so when resident at Collie where he was

president for some time. He now has a travelling

commission for his Department and of course,

visiting different centres will enable him to keep in

touch with League work in the South-West. The

League is fortunate in having such a representative.

In a recent number of the "Sunday Dispatch,"

in Westralia describes the new Stainless Steel

car as "a tremendous aeroplane near a small town,

somewhere in England. On the roof of the car

there is a car going along a deserted lane. He

followed on his bicycle. At the top of a nearby hill, the

car stopped. A man got out and began to

signal with an electric torch. While on his way to

report to the police, the farmer was caught in an

arm raid and sought shelter. Next night, the police

arrived, trekked and captured the Pill Kolithine.

The arrested man was a retired Colonel, who

was in a car with the farmer. That night, the Heus
again bombèd the aerodrome. They missed it, but destroyed the Colonel's house.
MAJOR W. L. SANDERSON

During Congress week, it was announced by Western Command Headquarters that Major W. L. Sanderson had been appointed from the Reserve of Officers to the command of the 16th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders) Australian Military Forces, in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Lloyd, who was transferred to the 2/38 Battalion, A.F.F. The announcement of Major Sanderson's appointment to Western Command (Major-General J. M. A. Durrant) yesterday caused pleasure at having assured the services of Major Sanderson who, he said, was particularly well-known personally and would have an excellent influence in the Battalion.

Major Sanderson left Australia as an original member of the 10th Light Horse. He gained his commission on Gallipoli. After the evacuation, he was transferred to the 4th Divisional Artillery in Egypt and was appointed Adjutant of the 11th Field Artillery Brigade. When the Division went to France in 1916, he was appointed to the command of the 11th Hauruma Battery, with the rank of Captain. He remained with the Battery until the end of the war. He was awarded the C.B.E. and Military Cross. In civil life, Major Sanderson is general manager in Western Australia for Elder, Smith and Co. Ltd. He is a member of the Y.W.C.A. Command Office and Showrooms, Comber MURRAY

TENTH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION

There was a good muster of gentlemen of the Light Horse at the annual reunion held on Saturday, October 9, but their hospitality was such that members of the Association, which includes all mounted services, were almost outnumbered by their guests. There were so many representatives of kindred associations present that the roll call was like a list of the units of the fighting forces. As patron of the Association, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, himself an old Light Horseman, was the guest of honour. Other special guests were members of the young Tenth Regiment and the 25th Machine Gun Regiment. Another feature of the evening was the representation of the R.S.L. Volunteer Defence Corps, by its commander in this State, Brigadier-General A. J. Bussell Brown. When the toast of Fallen Comrades was honoured, the lights were extinguished, and a flag was removed from an illuminated convoy with the regimental roll of honour beside it. As the troops stood to attention, the roll of light horsemen who had answered the call since the reunion last year was read. His Excellency performed the duty of installing Mr. W. R. Arnold as president. Sir James expressed his admiration of the spirit shown by the members of the Association in the building of their eagerness to serve in the present conflict. The annual report of the secretary (Mr. B. G. Hummerton) showed that during the past year membership had made a remarkable increase from 70 to 149, embracing men from all parts of the State.

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Early in the month, the French Consul-General in Australia (M. Tremolet) weighed in with a most impertinent piece of propaganda on behalf of the victorious Vichy Government. Describing as "bubbling" of Frenchmen in Australia and elsewhere who have decided to fight on by the side of the Allies, he overstated the obvious by saying that the fact that he still holds his job in Australia is evidence that Australia has not broken off diplomatic relations with the defeatist crowd at Vichy. The Government, Mr. Tremolet enthused, has no doubt, had good reasons for tolerating M. Tremolet's presence in Australia, but he must not presume too far on toleration. A particularly assuring piece of propaganda was his assertion that Australians will be well advised to maintain friendly relations with the French colonists in the Pacific, and that whoever annexed those colonies would not be Australia. The assertion was both gratuitous and offensive. So far from creating continuing bad relations with the French colonists in the Pacific, Australia has never expressed the intention, nor even the slightest desire to annex any French colonies in the Pacific. When M. Tremolet enlisted in his speech by way of illustration of his point, his gesture coincided with the action of the United States Commissioner in the Philippines, who warned certain foreign consuls that they must refrain from propaganda in the execution of their legitimate duties. It seems high time that a similar warning was handed to M. Tremolet. For the meantime, neither Australians nor the Free Frenchmen in our country, are deceived or intoxicated by his Vichy verbalities.

The trouble with so many writers and teachers, and those who try to be both, is that they simply can't keep out of the limelight. In his latest inculcation into the spotlight, Mr. H. G. Wells criticizes the British General and France and Italy for the sole responsibility for the collapse of our Continental Allies, without mentioning that it is equally as apportion praise or blame for military operations so recent, and no civilian is component to do this in the least. Mr. Wells' remarks were made in an old school tie, and the suggestion that a general is in charge because he happens to be an old school tie, is merely examples of that inverted and fashionable propaganda which is fashionable in the democratic days. His reference to Gort as a "praying general" is merely cynical. It is equally easy to assume that even a general is entitled to have a religion of some sort and if he lives up to it, so much the better. Perhaps an occasional prayer would do as much good in these troublous times. Surely M. Wells, a student of history, knows that Cromwell was a praying general, and the Americans sang prayers to get the war started.

That, however, did not prevent them from winning battles. The Confederate General of the American Civil War, Stonewall Jackson, also said prayers daily, particularly, and the Confederacy followed him on swearing, but in spite of these handicaps, as well as Wells' prophecies, the Greater Americas in war were the greatest generals of modern times. In any case, Mr. Wells needs to criticise campaigns and the generals who conduct them.

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A ceremony in memory of the late Mr. P. L. Ross, who was for many years Secretary of the West Perth sub-branch, was held in King's Park on Sunday September 11th. It was attended by a very representative gathering of the members of the sub-branch and their wives.

In the presence of Mrs. Ross (the widow) and family, a 12-year-old boy, the son of the late Mr. Ross, was dedicated to his memory by the placing of a commemorative tree plaque at the foot of the tree set aside for the purpose, the ceremony being witnessed by his mother, Mrs. Ross (the late Mr. Ross' daughter), the Honorary Secretary of the Sub-branch (Mr. E. T. Tyler), Mr. Keith Ross, on behalf of the widow and family suitably acknowledged the compliment.
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was formed, totals $48 and the credit balance at September 30, 1940 was $24. Saturday night dances are conditioned by the committee with the consent of sub-branch members on a 10-to-1 basis. Four dances have been held since then; they will be held once a month, the next being on October 19. The vice- president, Mr. E. Bolitho, has had a long spell of indisposition, but we are glad to see him about again, and we are sure that he feels fond of books for a co-op store and all the $1,100 allowed goes to help fund the juvenile an- natorium efforts. The general committee has met on six occasions, usually at Mr. Tom Stephenson's home in Nicholas Road, and we are happy to report that we have several members, who are keen on the subject of the sub-branch and Defence Corps is thoroughly dealt with. It is hoped that these meetings are held in Progress Hall on the 6th of October.

OSBORNE PARK

There were good attendances at meetings held on September 4 and September 18. The final ar- rangements for the annual sports were completed. The ladies' committee had wonderful work all day on Wednesday, October 2, preparing for the entree in the evening and what a fine tea the boys had. It was attended by representatives from the State-wide union, chief, several societies of the district and the supporters of the sub-branch. The next meetings will be held on October 30 and November 13.

MANNING PARK

As the sub-branch unit parades on Tuesday nights, meetings during August and September were somewhat curtailed. Meeting nights have been altered to the last Thursday in the month, so, commencing with October 20, the sub-branch will revert to the usual sporting features at the conclu- sion of meetings. The sub-branch unit is now training as a Reserve Garrison Artillery Battery. Parades are held at Fort Swanbourne on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings. During September meetings box of the sub-branch unit was paraded in front of the photographic studio of His Majesty the King to the Officers' Mess of the 7th Heavy Bri- gade. The members of the unit are now being attended to by the unit, Secretaries Doherty and Long are responsible for securing the photograph. A combined committee of the sub-branch and military fully pressed its desire for the purpose of providing the W.A. boys on 31 years of age with a proper outfit for their regular supply of kit and other illustrated papers. A sporting future will brighten the prospects of the unit for many Novembers. Three members of the sub-branch unit are now on military duty—George Deery and Frank

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0 was not on the roll as the number of those present for the meeting in progress were in- creased. Some of the members travelled long distances to be present, a few more being in the formation of the new branch. The Dominian's meeting is on the 6th of October.

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**Women's Auxiliaries**

**CLAREMONT**

Mrs. Randall, the auxiliary's representative on the State Executive, was present at the annual meeting of the club. The following officers were elected:

- President, Mrs. P. Fuller, vice-presidents, Messrs. F. McKinnon and P. Powell; treasurer, Mrs. L. Lee; secretary, Miss Florence E. Bryant. The Greenhouses auxiliary sent 45/- to purchase comforts for ex-servicemen in the Claremont Hospital. Weekly visits are paid to the Lockyer Military Hospital. On these occasions comforts are distributed and flowers are taken to the homes of the men. The auxiliary assisted the 11th Garrison Battalion every Monday night with the dance in aid of the Soldiers' Queen (Miss Sylvia). Members of sister auxiliaries will be pleased to hear that Miss Florence E. Bryant is recovering from her recent accident. She thanks her friends for all inquiries made.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY**

The president (Mrs. Haines) took the chair at a well-attended meeting on September 13. Messrs. |Lever and Jordan were welcomed as new members. The resignation of the assistant treasurer (Mr. West) was accepted, and Mr. West was re-elected in his place. Confiter business was discussed. It was decided to hold a masked ball and fancy dress ball at the Leederville Town Hall, Cambridge Street on November 9. The charge for admission is 1/- £0. The ball is in aid of the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Relief Fund, and the Navy. Presentation of a table lamp was made to Mrs. McCollum by the Sports Committee, in recognition of her work for the past year. The sports committee congratulates Aussies on their win, and Subaco as runners-up after a very thrilling game.

**MAYLANDS**

The meeting on September 17 was presided over by Mrs. Lewis. Most members are in the Red Cross or doing war work. Dances are held every Friday night with the sub-branch. They are popular. Weekly visits to the Sick are made by all Digginers in hospitals, and the monthly visits to Lemnos are always looked forward to by the patients. A very happy night was spent with the sub-branch when the ladies challenged them at games. After the sports ended, Mr. Shearin, M.I.A., presented a beautiful cup for the winner. This was won by the sub-branch, but we are keen to win it back next year. Messrs. Lewis and Wyne were delegated to the annual conference.
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